(b) the area-wise details of these rail lines;

(c) whether some rail lines out of these are lying damaged for many days;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take for reconstruction and reoperationalise these rail lines in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The length of metre gauge railway line (route kilometres) in Maharashtra is 445 kms. as on 31.3.2003 (latest available).

(b) The area (district-wise) details of these lines are as under:—

Amaravathi	29 kms.
Akola	174 kms.
Parbhani	110 kms.
Nanded	132 kms.
Total	445 kms.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Creation of Rail Bijlee Company

1209. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new The Rail Bijlee Company' has been created to realize the rail dream of generation of power, as a joint venture;

(b) if so, the details of the project with its location;

(c) what are the deciding factors for location of such units in backward areas; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to set up such a unit in the most backward, poverty-stricken State of Orissa to generate employment and boost its economy; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Project Committee set up for identifying suitable site(s) for setting up of Captive Power Plant in Joint Venture with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has recommended Nabinagar (Bihar) as suitable site for setting up of 1000 MW (4 units of 250 MW each) Power Plant at a cost of Rs. 4374 crore. For this purpose, it is proposed to form "Bhartiya Rail Bijlee Company" in Joint Venture with NTPC.

(c) Coal based Thermal Power Plant sites are selected on the basis of availability of land, water, coal and other techno-economical considerations.

(d) No, Sir.

PRS in Andhra Pradesh

1210. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 98 per cent of total reservations of Indian Railways is on PRS;

(b) if so, the locations computerized for in the country during the last four years, zone-wise;

(c) the stations identified for the computerization of PRS in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the stations with the facility of Computerized Passengers Reservation System in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The percentage of total reservation of PRS depends on various factors such as introduction of new trains, commissioning of new PRS locations, and changes in wayside quotas etc. and it varies from time to time. Currently this figure is more than 96% approx.

(b) Zone-wise list of locations where Computerized Reservation Systems (PRS) have been commissioned in the country during the last four years is given in Statement-I (Seebelow)